Restoration of irrigation projects in A.P.

1775. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many major and minor irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh stand damaged due to floods and cyclones etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken to repair and restore those projects of the State on priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the districts of Nallore, Chittor, Cuddapali, Kumool and Anantpur in Andhra Pradesh were badly affected during the floods and cyclones of October, 2001. There were also minor damages to irrigation systems in another 10 districts.

(c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up the temporary restoration works of the damaged irrigation systems and released an amount of Rs. 4.00 crore. Almost all the temporary restoration works of the damaged irrigation sources are completed. The permanent restoration works are under progress.

In addition to released of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund for 2001-02, assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund amounting to Rs. 20.44 crore was also released to Andhra Pradesh for flash, floods in October, 2001.